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Dear Ora Kay;

Thank you for your very informative letter, which Deendie and I discussed last evening. We agreed that your letter to Congressman Pashayan had a number of excellent points that I plan to weave into my letter to Sect. of Interior Bill Clark and Senator Pete Wilson. I also plan to write at once to a friend of mine who is active in "preservation of Historic Buildings" circles. I firmly believe that our little community shares, by association the historical flavour. Unfortunately our dates for the Crowley Cabin don't work out right--Arthur lived in the old store and Post Office until he sold his 5 acres with the store etc. to Buckman and Moffitt et. al. about 1931-- That about coincides with the construction of the first Crowley Cabin--I seriously doubt that any lumber came from Atwell's. In the early 40's that cabin was crushed by snow, and almost completely rebuilt, so it is nearer 40 than 50 years old. But there related questions about which I will ask my friend.

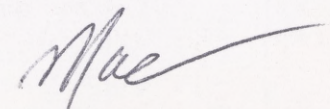
Deendie and I are marking our calendars with Feb. 24, and will make every effort to attend the meeting. Have you had any response from Bruce Jackson or John Crowley? (None of us are very good as correspondents.

The following are some of the points I like to stress;

1. Stress the rank discrimination in the Park Officials treatment of Mineral King residents as compared to their weak excuse for permitting Silver City cabiners to stay unmolested because of their long tenure of connections in the area**that's not only illegal but in error Arthur Crowley helped his Father build the road starting in 1879.
2. It is the announced aim of the Park Service to return the land to its original pristine condition--and have the gall to state that the Crowley Cabin was first on the list for acquisition to permit them to demolish it in order for them to enlarge the capacity of the parking lot by 200 cars. I wonder what a pristine parking lot will be like.
3. I am further convinced that the Cabin Owners are much more aware of the delicate nature of the M.K. environment and be much thoughtful of it than the inevitable replacements--back-packers.

I have lots of letters to write, and I'm a slow typer, so I had better quit now. I will keep in touch and send copies,

With best wishes for a happy Season,
Sincerely



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